

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 94-718-C - ORDER NO. 98-816

OCTOBER 26, 1998

IN RE: Application of Qwest Communications Corporation (Formerly Southern Pacific Telecommunications Company) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate as a Provider of Intrastate Telecommunications Services in the State of South Carolina.)	ORDER
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Qwest Communications Corporation (Qwest, formerly Southern Pacific Telecommunications Company) for clarification of the scope of its interexchange authority. Order No. 95-761 originally granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Southern Pacific Telecommunications, Qwest's predecessor. Order No. 95-1761 subsequently approved the name change to Qwest, but characterized the Company's authority as allowing the provision of resold services.

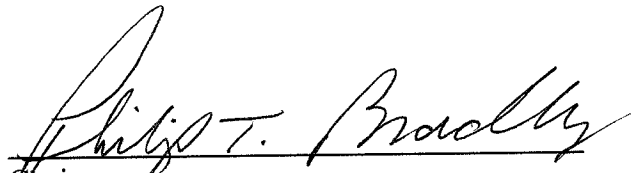
By letter dated September 14, 1998, Qwest stated that it was in the process of deploying a nationwide fiber optic network and intended to construct part of this system through South Carolina. Qwest then requested clarification as to whether or not the Commission needed to grant it permission to provide facilities-based service, in light of the previous characterization of the Company's service as "resold."

We have examined this matter, and believe that, for clarity, we must state specifically that Qwest has authority for both facilities-based and resold service within its

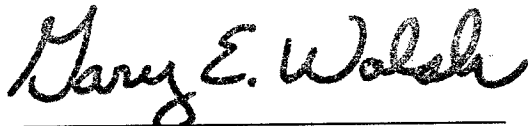
granted Certificate, and that the initial Order really granted both types of authority. In our opinion, Qwest may provide its interexchange service by either facilities-based or resale means.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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